



Green Army

Supporting training and on-ground outcomes



Project Overview

Project Manager

Ryan Munro

Project Duration

2016 to 2017

Key Partners

Local Landcare groups, local governments, community nurseries and Friends groups.

Key Achievements

- Three teams established
- 30 young people employed

The Green Army is an Australian Government initiative that provides training and work experience in environment and heritage conservation for young Australians.

Since July 2015, it has supported a range of organisations by connecting them with young people wanting to get career experience in environmental management.

As part of SWCC's support of this Program, we coordinated three Green Army Teams to undertake work in the South West NRM Region.



This project is supported by the South West Catchments Council, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



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Youth in Landcare

The three SWCC Green Army project teams included one Busselton team and two Bunbury teams. Each team worked for six months during 2016 and 2017 and learnt skills in weed management, revegetation, seedling propagation, litter removal and coastal zone management.

SWCC is proud to participate in the Green Army project as it not only provides a much valuable resource to Landcare groups, it is also connecting youth to the Landcare movement.

In 2016, the Green Army teams achieved the following:

- 31,907 local native seedlings planted
- 31,409 native plants propagated
- 7.3 tonnes of litter removed

“We are so pleased with our teams of enthusiastic participants. The range of conservation activities and experiences they’ll be exposed to is fantastic.”, Ryan Munro, SWCC Program Manager.

One of the rewarding activities the Green Army teams participated in involved working closely with the Geographe Community Landcare Nursery and the Leschenault Community Nursery. The teams learnt about all aspects of propagating native seedling and have assisted these nurseries with potting up over 25,000 native seedlings. These are practical skills they can take with them and potentially use in future employment in the environment industry.

The young Australians participating in the Green Army teams have been working on a diverse and interesting array of on-ground projects. They are gaining practical skills and experience, as well as a much needed ‘foot-in-the-door’ within the environmental industry.

We have seen the program facilitate a ‘win-win’ situation, providing training and mentoring with experienced practitioners for the participants, while the partner groups have benefited from an enthusiastic workforce.

